

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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Comprehensive Community Plan

County:

LCC: Drug Free Steuben

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The mission of Drug Free Steuben is to raise the awareness of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues, as well as support the most effective combination for individuals and other resources to positively impact the problem of drug and alcohol abuse in our community.

History: Drug Free Steuben was organized on 30 October 1989. Those participating at the first meeting were administration personnel from area school, media, and probation staff representing county judges, law enforcement personnel, hospital administration, and representation from the county prosecutor's office. Steuben County is a rural area. Many families support themselves through work in industry. Steuben's highest growth in population is in our Hispanic sector of the community. Steuben is unique in that it offers beautiful lakes in which to live and vacation thus we have a sector of the population who is very well off financially, and we have an influx of vacationers that like to use our scenic area to relax and "party". Steuben is also unique in that I-69 and the 80/90 Toll Road intersect the county north/ south, and east/ west making it advantages for mainstream industry to ship and receive products, but illegal drug activity finds it advantages as well. Steuben is also bordered by two other states, which makes communication much more important and difficult with law enforcement and treatment agencies due to various laws, procedures, and protocols in the different areas.

Drug Free Steuben is rich in representation from treatment facilities, judicial, schools, and some clergy affiliations. The LCC would like to see more members from various businesses, special interest groups, representation from the Hispanic community, medical fields, and parents/ community members attending because they are passionate about the prospect of what DFS is doing and can do.

Drug Free Steuben is excited about expanding public relations over the next few years, getting the word out on available ATOD resources in our area, building a youth coalition in conjunction with VOICE: the tobacco youth coalition, addressing the high use of ATOD among youth and adults, and expanding the availability of ATOD service for the incarcerated.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: Drug Free Steuben began this Comprehensive Community Plan process by developing, implementing, and discerning a Community Needs Assessment. Through the discernment process, we drew forth the community's priority of needs. Upon determining the priority of needs, we developed four clear and concise problem statements which are defined as follows:

- *Steuben County residents have limited knowledge of available ATOD resources.
- *ATOD use among adolescents continues at a high rate.
- *Services addressing ATOD issues are limited for those incarcerated.
- *ATOD use among adults continues at a high rate.

DFS received 122 responses to the Community Needs Assessment from a cross section of community members of youth and adults. DFS members requested that co-workers fill them out. DFS members also took the assessments to churches, civic organizations, and other groups to which they belong. DFS members associated with schools also had students respond to the assessment. DFS members associated with other youth organizations requested that some of those youth fill out the assessment. 65.6% of the assessment respondents also followed directions and included priorities. The top priorities are included in the above problem statements, the support data, and objectives.

Drug Free Steuben will monitor our own committee projects, and grant recipients who offer projects, programs, events, and activities to fulfill our objectives towards our ultimate goals. Drug Free Steuben will keep apprised of progress through monthly reports as part of our LCC monthly meeting agendas, through formal verbal and written report twice a year from grant recipients, and through planned surveys/ needs assessments. Grant recipients must, as part of the agreement of receiving funding, attend 7 of 12 regular LCC meetings per calendar year. Through their twice a year reports, grant recipients address their progress stating who is impacted, how, and to what extent.

Grant recipients find it advantageous to attend meetings for networking, advice, and developing new ideas for projects to address needs.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Drug Free Steuben

	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
	Cameron Counseling Center	C	F	Treatment
	Steuben Probation Dept	C	F	Judicial
	Steuben Prosecutor's Office	C	M	Law Enforcement
	Four County Transitional Living	C	M	Self Help
	Fremont Community Schools	C	F	Education
	Prairie Heights High School	C	F	Education
	Northeastern Center	C	F	Treatment
	Hamilton Jr/Sr High School	C	F	Education
	Cameron Memorial Community Hospital	C	M	Medical
	MSD of Steuben County/ Ryan Park Elementary	C	F	Education
	Lake James Christian Assembly	C	M	Religion
	Tobacco Free Committee	C	F	Civic Organization
	Tobacco Free Committee	C	F	Civic Organization
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	Committee			Organization
	VOICE Coordinator	C	F	Civic Organization
	Tri-State University/ various DFS Committees	AA	F	Education
	Youth Improvement Program	C	F	Intervention
	Cahoots Cafe	C	M	Other
	Women in Transition	C	F	Self Help
	Steuben Sheriff's Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
	Steuben Community Corrections	C	M	Law Enforcement
	Herald Republican	C	F	Media
	WLKI Radio	C	M	Media
	Steuben Supiour Court	C	M	Judicial
	Northeastern Center/ Dual Diagnosis Committee	C	F	Treatment
	Tobacco Free Committee	C	F	Civic Organizaion
	DFS Coordinator/ St Anthony Youth Ministry	C	F	Civic Organization/ Religion
	Community Consultant for Governor's Commission	C	F	Other

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Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Steuben County residents have limited knowledge of available ATOD resources.

Supportive Data:

- The DFS Community Needs Assessment Results (CNAR) show that 49% of those polled believe the average person in Steuben County has insufficient ATOD knowledge.
- The DFS CNAR shows that 55% of respondents believe there are insufficient resources in our community to treat teens with ATOD issues.
- The DFS CNAR show that 44% of respondents don't know if Steuben County Schools offer sufficient ATOD education programs.
- The DFS CNAR show that 47% of respondents don't know if most clergy members are educated on current ATOD issues.
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Objectives:

- **Develop brochures with available ATOD resources to be distributed at local events, service groups, schools, and include them as part of our traveling display.**
- **Contact media to promote/ highlight resources on a regular basis.**
- **Obtain a public affairs intern from TSU or other local college to get the word out through a speakers' bureau.**
- **Acquire promotional tools to share with area groups, schools, and other organizations to promote ATOD resources and issues.**

- **Host a community forum/ LCC retreat to increase networking among area resources.**
- **Design and maintain a Drug Free Steuben Web Page.**
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Goals:

- **Increase the responses on our county ATOD needs assessment that indicate knowledge of ATOD resources in Steuben County.**
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Problem Statement #2: ATOD use among adolescents continues at a high rate.

Supportive Data:

- The DFS Community Needs Assessment Results (CNAR) shows that 65% of respondents believe adolescents perceive ATOD use as harmless.
- The DFS CNAR shows that 65% of respondents believe that adults don't perceive adolescent ATOD as harmless.
- The DFS CNAR show 71% of respondents are personally aware of youth with ATOD use/ addictions issues.
- The DFS CNAR show 84% of respondents agrees that counseling is essential to ATOD recovery.
- A local school survey from 2004 shows that 6th - 12th grade monthly use of alcohol is higher than the state except for the 8th grade. [See attached graph.]
- A local school survey from 2004 shows the 7th -12th grade monthly use of smokeless tobacco and cigarettes higher [even much higher in later grades] then state and national percentages.
- Steuben County Sheriff's Dept and Angola City Police report an increase in alcohol offences by minors: 2004 was 91; 2005 was 139.
- Angola City Police reports arrests of 44 juveniles in 2005 for tobacco use/ possession.
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Objectives:

- **Increase youth activity in/ through VOICE.**
- **Collaborate with law enforcement entities to enforce underage use of ATOD's.**
- **Collaborate with schools and parks to become/ enforce ATOD free campuses.**
- **Investigate and/ or fund projects, programs, and activities that address ATOD free life styles among adolescents.**
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Goals:

- **Reduce ATOD use among adolescents compared to previous Steuben County Police Reports.**
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Problem Statement #3: Services addressing ATOD issues are limited for those incarcerated.

Supportive Data:

- The DFS Community Needs Assessment Results (CNAR) show 95% of respondents agrees ATOD counseling should be available to those incarcerated in the Steuben county Jail.
- The DFS CNAR show 84% of respondents agrees that counseling is essential to ATOD recovery.
- The DFS CNAR show 56% of respondents agree there is insufficient financial assistance for those in need of ATOD counseling.
- There are currently no AA meetings available for women in the Steuben County Jail.
- Steuben Sheriff Rick Lewis stated, "A large percentage of our inmate population has addictions problems. Drug Treatment can change the direction of these inmates' lives."
- Cameron Counseling Center, in 2005, provided 144 different men with alcohol education/ Evaluations, and provided 26 different women with substance education/ case management/ therapy.
- Four County Transitional Living, a facility for men in Steuben County, saw 35 men at the Steuben County Jail in 2005; they also led AA meetings where 200 men participated in 2005.
- Angola City Police and Steuben Sheriff's Department AOD arrests in 2004 and 2005 include respectively: OWI, 94 & 213; Possession/ Consumption of Alcohol by Minors, 91 & 139; Public Intoxication/ Drunkenness, 97 & 133; Drug or Drug Related Arrests, 131 & 201. [See attached graph.]
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Objectives:

- Investigate and/or fund local programs or projects to work within the jail to educate or counsel those incarcerated due to ATOD issues.
- Educate Law Enforcement Administration on the importance of providing ATOD services to those incarcerated in Steuben County.
- Work with service providers to increase additional service contacts with those incarcerated in Steuben County.
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Goals:

- Increase the frequency of contacts through services that are available to Steuben County incarcerated.
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Problem Statement #4: ATOD use among adults continues at a high rate.

Supportive Data:

- The DFS Community Needs Assessment Results (CNAR) show 41% of respondents agrees AOD offenders are given appropriate sentences by the Steuben County Courts.
- The DFS CNAR show 84% of respondents agrees that counseling is essential to ATOD recovery.
- The DFS CNAR show 58% of respondents disagree that jail time should be mandatory for even a first time OWI offender.
- The DFS CNAR show that 49% of respondents agree that adults perceive ATOD use as harmless.
- Adult statistics from Angola City Police and Steuben Sheriff's Department for AOD arrests for 2004 and 2005 respectively are: OWI, 91 & 213; Public Intoxication/ Drunkenness, 97 & 133; Drug and Drug Related Arrests, 131 & 201. [See attached Graph]
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Objectives:

- **Collaborate with law enforcement to decrease adult AOD offenses.**
- **Investigate and/ or fund projects, programs, and activities that address ATOD abuse and illegal AOD use among adults.**
- **Survey workplaces on ATOD issues.**
- **Collaborate with local recovery houses.**
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Goals:

- **Reduce ATOD use among adults compared to prior Steuben County law enforcement statistics.**
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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: July 2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: July 2009

Date of Community Consultant Review:

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The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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